University Hospitals Bristol NHS Trust, North Bristol NHS Trust, Royal United Hospital Bath NHS Trust and AstraZeneca UK Ltd are engaged in a Joint Working project called “Familial Hypercholesterolaemia Cascade Testing Service”.

This project will run from July 2014 to July 2017 and both parties have contributed resources for this initiative.

The objective of this project is to help improve and expand the current Familial Hypercholesterolaemia (FH) service in University Hospitals Bristol NHS Trust, North Bristol NHS Trust & Royal United Hospital Bath NHS Trust catchment areas.

FH in the UK is estimated to affect 1 in 500 people. This means that an estimated 110,000 people are affected in the UK, and around 1100 in Bristol and 900 in Bath, totalling a putative FH population of 2,000.

The aims of this project include:
- Improved management of patients with FH through cascading of positively identified FH patients, using the PASS database
- Improved primary care HCP awareness of FH